

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

DEBORAH A. GARCIA,

No. 10-12106

Plaintiff,

District Judge Denise Page Hood

v.

Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

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**ORDER DENYING APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

Before the Court is Plaintiff's Application for Appointment of Counsel [Docket #3].

Unlike criminal cases, there is no constitutional or statutory right to the appointment of counsel in civil cases. Rather, the Court requests members of the bar to assist in appropriate cases. In *Lavado v. Keohane*, 992 F.2d 601, 605-606 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1993), the Sixth Circuit noted that “[a]ppointment of counsel in a civil case is not a constitutional right. It is a privilege that is justified only by exceptional circumstances.” (Internal quotations and citations omitted).

In this case, Plaintiff has not shown exceptional circumstances that would merit the appointment of counsel. Accordingly, her Application for Appointment of Counsel [Docket #3] is DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

S/R. Steven Whalen  
R. STEVEN WHALEN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: June 2, 2010

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing order was served on the attorneys and/or parties of record by electronic means or U.S. Mail on June 2, 2010.

S/G. Wilson  
Judicial Assistant